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Decked out to delight

Vicki Brooker photo

The delightfully decorated Shamrock Valley Enterprises entry in the 2012 Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza Winter Wonderland Parade was one of a long lineup of colourful floats that helped to bring an enthusiastic burst of Christmas excitement to downtown Elk Point on Friday evening. More photos, Pages 6-7.

All is bright at Christmas Extravaganza 2012

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's 26th annual Christmas Extravaganza brought heightened excitement for the coming festive season on Friday night, as one of the best Winter Wonderland parades in history made its way up Main Street just after 6 p.m.

Close to 30 floats, decorated vehicles of all sizes and emergency vehicles made a long and colourful procession, with Santa giving the reindeer the evening off and riding in the lap of luxury in Elk Point Domo's shiny white limousine. Three shiny green tractors decked with Prairie Tech and Truck-In 2000 banners circled the parade route, and then loaded up to haul capacity crowds around town for the rest of the evening. Oilfield companies, insurance and real

estate offices, financial institutions, retail businesses, the local snowmobile club, MLA Shayne Saskiw and the Town of Elk Point went all out to make the parade a roaring success, with the RCMP leading the way and the town and county's impressive array of firefighting and rescue vehicles and a shiny new Elk Point EMS ambulance bringing up the rear.

Extravaganza activities started earlier in the day, with many of the stores offering specials throughout the day and the insurance office and real estate firms holding open houses during the afternoon. Santa Claus arrived at the Seniors' Recreation Centre at 3 p.m. and had his photo taken with long lineups of little ones both before and after a break for the parade.

The Seniors' Centre was one of the busiest places in town, with bustling craft and small business fair in the main hall, the seniors' own ongoing garage sale in the billiards room and a show and sale of paintings, prints and art cards by local artists Shirley Kinneberg, Kathy Gusnowski, Bonnie Smith, Donna Chamberland, Rhonda Stuparyk and June Jenkins filling the small meeting room with outstanding local talent.

Bonfires blazed in the downtown area all evening, under the watchful eye of the Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters, with a third bonfire lighting up the night on the Iron Horse Trail staging area, where Elk Point TrailRiders offered hot chocolate and hot dogs to enjoy around the fire, as well as a 50-50 draw.

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Singing for the seniors

Elk Point Elementary School's Grade 2B class entertained the crowd at the County of St. Paul FCSS Seniors' Festival held at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Thursday. The students spelled out 'CHRISTMAS' with a recitation and sang two numbers before joining the seniors for snacks. Story, Page 3

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Good lays out conflict between municipalities

By JANANI WHITFIELD

Review Contributor

Rural and urban municipalities often times find themselves at loggerheads, and according to former Peace River councillor Don Good, there's an explanation for the friction.

In an presentation on Nov. 29 at the St. Paul Recreation Centre, Good compared the situation of rural and urban municipalities, with their differing access to industrial wealth, to a family with five children in which only one kid has the luck to get all the

presents.

The province's approach to fights between urban and rural municipality is similar to the parents saying to their other children left without presents to go back and talk to their brother and sister and ask them to share.

"I'll go back to my opinion — that's not good parenting," he said.

At the invitation of Town of St. Paul council, Good came to St. Paul to deliver the presentation, acknowledged as controversial, he has been making to politicians, industry and

other groups, based on information gathered from Municipal Affairs. A handful of politicians from local municipalities, including the Towns of St. Paul, Elk Point, Bonnyville and Two Hills, joined administrative staff and a few members of the public to attend the talk.

Good said during his 12 years as a town councillor, questions kept coming back to him, including why there were poor municipalities in a rich province, why rural and urban municipalities always seemed to fight and if all Albertan taxpayers were being treated fairly.

Alberta is a divided province, with just under 350 municipalities competing for a share of its assets, he said.

"We're a tremendously rich province," he noted, pointing to deposits of shale gas, oil and pipelines. Agriculture was an important industry as well, but made up only 1.8 per cent of the province's Gross Domestic Product in 2010, a big change from the 1920s, where it accounted for 75 per cent of the province's GDP.

Since that time, the province has changed considerably, he said. In 1900, 75 per cent of Alberta's population lived in a rural area. By 2011, that had shifted to 83 per cent of the popula-

tion living in an urban setting, which Good defined as a town or city with a population of 1,000 people or more.

However, there were some major discrepancies in how much rural and urban people were able to access what he called CLEA, or a Combined Low Expenditure Assessment, made up of non-residential linear, railways, co-generation and machinery and equipment assessments. While towns and cities depend more on property taxes from residential assessments, MDs and counties typically get less from this source and more money from CLEA, he said.

Despite the fact the majority of people live in urban settings, rural people enjoy 94 per cent of access to CLEA, while urban people only claim six per cent access to CLEA, he said.

Good then brought up the numbers for the local area. In the region encompassing Bonnyville, Elk Point, Glendon and St. Paul, there is a near equal population split between those living in rural areas

and those living in urban areas. Residential and non-residential property tax revenues also show a near 50/50 split, he said. However, there is a huge discrepancy in access to CLEA, he said, with the rural municipalities claiming access to 99 per cent of the industrial wealth of the region, at about \$42.3 million, while urban municipalities only have access to one per cent of this industrial wealth, at \$390,000.

Good related one Minister of Municipal Affairs' comment that all municipalities have a right to grow, a statement with which Good agreed. However, he compared this to the right of children to grow, saying this right is meaningless if only some of the children have access to food. In the case of Alberta, he said that varying access to wealth has been determined by history and happenstance, with some municipalities, such as the MD of Bonnyville, just having the luck to sit on larger deposits of oil and gas, as compared to the

County of St. Paul.

There are several ways to address this problem, but one key is for people to demand the province come up with a fair structure to distributing industrial wealth.

"It can't be done locally, it will not be done locally," he said.

Town councillors from Bonnyville and St. Paul spoke up to give the example of towns bearing the major burden for policing and recreation costs.

In response, Good said he couldn't explain how 20 per cent of Alberta's population with 90 per cent of the industrial wealth didn't want to share equally in such costs, saying, "That's just political."

"I believe all Albertans deserve equivalent access to the industrial wealth of this province." He ended by telling the crowd, "Get a hold of your MLAs, get a hold of your politicians — tell them, 'We want change.'"

County of Two Hills Reeve Allen Sayler was the only politician present that represented a rural constituency. Following the presentation, he said that counties have major expenses in maintaining and replacing infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

"It's not all just take home money," he said. However, counties differ in their financial situation: while some are very wealthy, others are poorer, he noted. Sayler agreed with Good's assessment that the province should distribute industrial wealth based on municipalities' population, but felt the municipality's miles of road to maintain and build should be taken into consideration in this distribution as well.

Town of St. Paul Mayor Glenn Andersen was in step with Good's way of thinking, saying that urban centres have several expenses as well, including the maintenance of its roads.

"I'm thinking what's a logical step for all of Alberta," he said. Andersen felt there was sense in the province pooling resources and distributing them in a fair manner. "We've got municipalities struggling to survive, and that's just not right."



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Extravaganza

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Prairie EMS proudly showcased their new Elk Point facility to the public at an open house all evening, with Sprinkles the clown on hand to entertain the children with her incredible skill at making balloon animals, and even a balloon motorcycle, with speed and skill, while the EMS staff handed out bags of popcorn to the visitors.

Shoppers had multiple opportunities to win prizes, with door prizes at most of the businesses and all those draw slips combined for the Chamber of Commerce draws at 9:30 p.m. Jody Boyko was the major prize winner of the deep-freeze and grocery gift cards, while the names of five other lucky shoppers were drawn in tandem with five chamber member businesses for \$100 gift certificates. Ray Wilkie won \$100 toward his next visit to Elk Point Insurance, Helen Mudryk \$100 toward utilities or taxes at the Town of Elk Point, Marilyn Fordice a gift certificate for Wanda Lynn's Body Shoppe, Sue Bartholomew a gift certificate for Golden Loaf Bakery and Ray Harbats a gift certificate for Rona.

The evening wound up on a bright and colorful note, with a booming fireworks display shooting high into the frosty air.

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County, Elk Point FCSS host Seniors' Festival

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Seniors from all corners of the County of St. Paul gathered in Elk Point last Thursday to kick off the Christmas season at the annual Seniors' Festival, coordinated by the County FCSS and jointly hosted this year by the Elk Point FCSS.

Displays from agencies ranging from the MD of St. Paul Foundation to the Office of the Public Guardian ringed two sides of the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, offering a wealth of information and the opportunity to enter for an array of draw prizes. A buffet of pastries, fruit, punch and hot beverages lined another side as seniors arrived to start the enjoyable day of entertainment and presentations.

Master of ceremonies Laverne Wilson, who introduced himself as "the guy who won't retire - I believe in Freedom 85," started the day off by leading the group in a song familiar to school children of long ago, a cheery "Good morning to you, good morning to you."

Elk Point Mayor Parrish Tung was on hand to welcome the visitors on behalf of the town, and said he had "learned a lot from my first principal," who was Wilson. "He taught me about community involvement," Tung thanked the County FCSS for their decision to move the event to different communities each year, and for creating an activity "important enough for the seniors to ignore the stress levels of winter driving to be here."

A large group of special guests came from Elk Point Elementary School, with Mrs. Tkachuk, her assistants and 24 Grade 2B students lining the stage for sneak preview of the upcoming Christmas concerts. They spelled out MERRY CHRISTMAS with their recitation, sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and finished up with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" before joining the seniors at the tables for a morning snack.

County Reeve Steve Upham was also in attendance, and called the event, "an opportunity to salute the seniors who built these communities."

The first featured speaker of the day was St. Paul lawyer Christina Tchir with a presentation on wills, personal directives and power of attorney. Tchir told the group it is "never too late to look at estate planning and reviewing where your assets are," and spoke on the benefits of estate planning,

which include it being "much less expensive than not having a plan. It allows you to choose who takes charge, and encourages you to speak with your loved ones. While you are healthy and of sound mind is the time to do it." A power of attorney is "very powerful, and a necessity if you own land."

Tchir spoke on the new Wills and Succession Act passed earlier in 2012, and its effect on existing wills. Everyone needs a will, she noted, and many "wait until it's almost too late. It's really heartbreaking. Do things while you're well and can choose for yourself." She offered a list of points to consider when completing a will, and reminded them all of the importance of having one's affairs in order.

A full-scale turkey dinner was followed by a series of door prize draws, before the day's second speaker took the microphone. Lloyd Kenney of St. Albert spoke on the prevalence of identity theft and the many ways to prevent that happening. "The average North American has personal information in 50 places," he noted "There is information in so many places we don't think about." He offered suggestions ranging from asking why businesses need our information to carrying credit cards in metal wallets to prevent scanning by passers-by.

The day wound up with draws for the prizes sponsored by the agencies, more door prizes and a final draw for a huge wreath.



Elk Point Victim Services director Dawn Lavalley was among the many exhibitors who offered information to seniors at the Seniors Festival/



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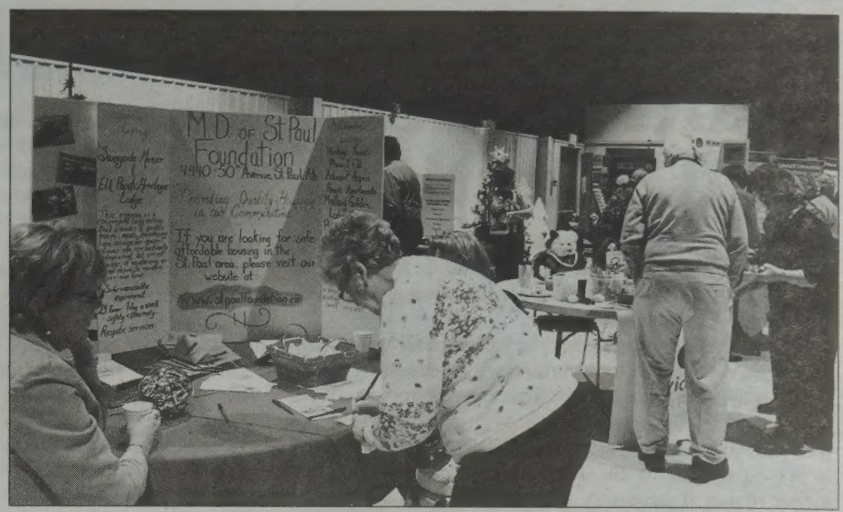
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Capsule Comments



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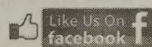
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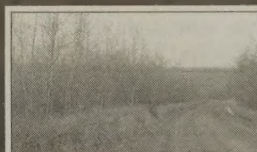
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EDITORIAL

Parade back and beautiful

Friday night's Winter Wonderland Parade went a long way to making up for not only the total absence of a parade last year, but also for the increasingly shorter parades in the years before that.

It was heartwarming to see the enthusiastic crowd lining the street as close to 30 brightly lighted and well decorated entries cruised up Main Street in celebration of the coming Christmas season.

The Extravaganza parade has come a long way since it began, thanks to the improved technology that no longer makes it necessary to hide noisy, smelly power plants under the decorations on a float. Power inverters now make it possible to deck the floats with inflatable characters, strings and strings of lights and lighted figures to create really spectacular effects.

Thanks so much to every last participant in the parade. Your efforts made Extravaganza a very special event and are very much appreciated by the community.

Thanks for lighting up our night!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Westmin Cup, Museums award, long service

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 4 IN...

1987

Elk Point Co-op Peewees hosted the fifth annual Westmin Cup hockey tournament, with Westmin's vice president Wayne Watmough coming up from Calgary to drop the ceremonial first puck. Teams from Mymam, Islay and Bonnyville won the top honours at Elk Point Ladies' Open bonspiel, with 22 rinks taking part.

1992

Elk Point Historical Society won the Alberta Museums Association's Recognition of Contribution Award for an Organization, for their efforts in publishing two volumes of history, supporting the creation of a historical mural and many years of lobbying for the preservation of Fort George and Buckingham House historic sites. Ralph Klein and Nancy Betkowski ended up just one vote apart in the race for provincial Conservative leadership, requiring a second round of voting the following week.

1997

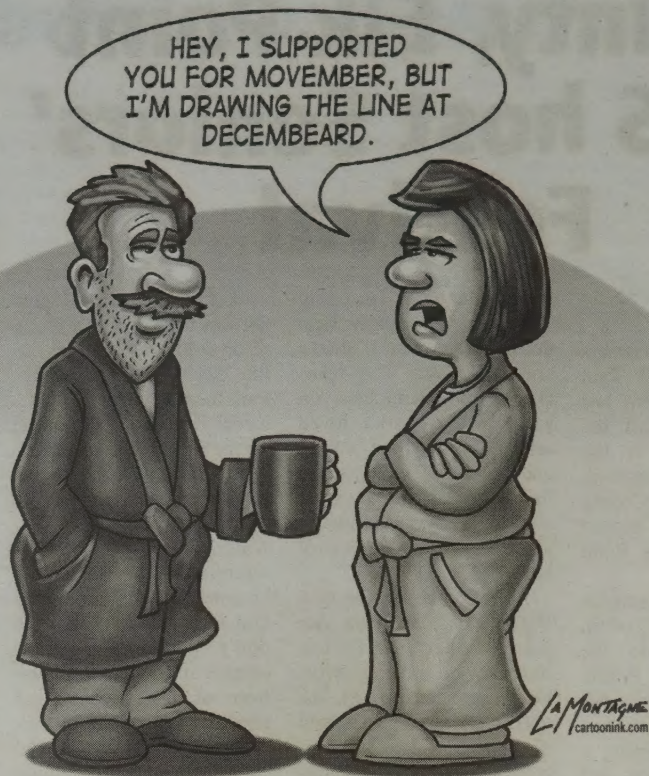
Shaun Moroziuk was named Best All Around Student at F. G. Miller High School's awards night, where Raegan Croteau and Robyn Danyluk also won multiple awards. Plans got underway for Elk Point's first-ever First Night Fest to be held on New Year's Eve.

2002

Christmas Extravaganza was a spectacular success, from the long and glittering parade to the bright and booming fireworks display, with Elk Point newcomer Dell King winning the grand prize of a 52" television. New health region boundaries that reduced the province from 16 regions to nine were a major concern in the Lakeland.

2007

There was fun on a frosty Friday at the 21st annual Christmas Extravaganza, with a full lineup of activities for the whole family. Health records technician Verna Lazicki was congratulated for 40 years on staff at the Elk Point Healthcare Centre, along with Loretta Stich, 30 years, Linda Dorey, 25 years, Sandra Cameron 20 years and Paulette Levasseur, 15 years.



GUEST COLUMN

Stille Nacht

It is amazing to realize that this best-known of all Christmas carols was virtually an "instant hymn." The words were written, set to music, and first performed all in a single day. Though fanciful stories often spring up over the years about popular hymns, the account that is often told of the writing of "Silent Night" can in fact be documented as historical. This carol was written in an attempt to make the best of a musical emergency when the organ of a small Austrian church broke down on the morning of Christmas Eve.



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

It was Christmas Eve in the Austrian Alps. At the newly constructed Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, a Tyrol village near Salzburg, Father Joseph Mohr prepared for the midnight service. He was distraught because the church organ was broken, ruining prospects for that evening's carefully planned music. It came into Father Joseph's mind to write a new song, one that could be sung without the organ. Hastily, he wrote the words, "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright ..." Taking the text to his organist, Franz Gruber, he explained the situation and asked Franz to compose a simple tune.

That night, December 24, 1818, "Silent Night" was sung for the first time as a duet accompanied by a guitar at the aptly named Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf. Shortly afterward, as Karl Mauracher came to repair the organ, he heard about the near-disaster on Christmas Eve. Acquiring a copy of the text and tune, he spread the hymn throughout the Alpine region of Austria, referring to it as "Tiroler Volkslied." The song came to the attention of the Strasser family, makers of fine chamois-skin gloves. To drum up business at various fairs and festivals, the four Strasser children would sing in front of their parents' booth.

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Like the Von Trapp children a century later, they became popular folk singers throughout the Alps.

When the children - Caroline, Joseph, Andreas, and Amalie - began singing "Tiroler Volkslied" at their performances, audiences were charmed. It seemed perfect for the snow-clad region and perfect for the Christian heart. "Silent Night" even came to the attention of the king and queen, and the Strasser children were asked to give a royal performance, assuring the carol's fame.

"Silent Night" was first published for congregational singing in 1838 in the German hymnbook *Katholisches Gesang-und Gebetbuch für den öffentlichen und häuslichen Gottesdienst zunächst zum Gebrauche der katholischen Gemeinden im Königreiche Sachsen*. It was used in America by German-speaking congregations, then appeared in its current English form in a book of Sunday school songs in 1863.

The original hymn text was quite a bit longer; today English-speaking congregations use the first, sixth, and second verses of the original. The translator was John Freeman Young (1820-1885), an American Episcopal bishop. The tune, also, has been changed somewhat from Franz Gruber's original melody. The tune name, *STILLE NACHT*, is from the first two words of the original German hymn, meaning "quiet night."

1. *Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.*
2. *Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven a far,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia."
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."*
3. *Silent night, holy night. Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels, let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*
4. *Silent night, holy night, Son of God love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.*

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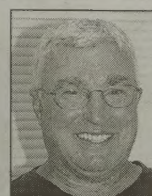
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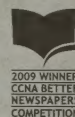
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Further Ed winds up season

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Further Education wound up the 2012 fall season with a well-attended pre-Christmas Show and Tell and potluck luncheon last Wednesday. Quilts, wall hangings and other sewing projects decorated the walls, while smaller crafts, such as greeting cards, filled the tables as students proudly showed off their efforts from the season's courses.

Elk Point Further Ed coordinator Verona Lea Flanders gave the final results of the 2012 challenge, which had invited participants to list all their unfinished projects at the beginning of the year and to complete at least six of them before the June show-and-tell and 12 before the November event. Lois

Belton, Judy Clerk, Deborah Diamond, Shirley Holomis. Sherry Smith and Flanders herself completed six by June, she reported, with all but Smith reporting having successfully completed 12 by the end of November.

What was originally called the UFO (UnFinished Object) challenge was first held in 2010, with 10 items to be completed. Participants are now said to be "working on their PHD (Projects Half Done) and will have 13 items to complete by the end of fall, 2013 season. Those wishing to enter for the coming year are to bring Flanders two fat quarters of fabric and their list of partially completed projects by the end of January. She noted that some projects had been declared complete by giving them to someone else, who was

interested in completing the project.

Another feature of last week's event was the draw for the winners of two lovely quilts created by the Tuesday quilters, who had completed 74 quilts between January and June and another 74 this fall, which have been donated, along with pillows and afghans, to those in need.

Draw winners were Bev Smith and Judy Clerk, with Clerk's prize created by the quilters from a bundle of quilt blocks donated to the group, who used the blocks to create a very attractive and one-of-a-kind quilt.

Further Ed classes are now over until January, as the classroom becomes the headquarters for Santas Anonymous.



Judy Clerk, Deborah Diamond, Shirley Holomis and (not shown) Lois Belton and Verona Lea Flanders received prizes for finishing 12 of their PHD (Projects Half Done) during 2012.



A bundle of pieced star blocks donated to Elk Point Further Education were the beginning of this handsome quilt which became the draw prize won by Judy Clerk, who is very pleased with her new acquisition. In the background are some of the crafts completed this fall in Further Ed courses.

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Atom Bs turn a corner on their season

By DOUG BASSETT

Review Sports

I do believe the Atom B team has turned a page in their season, the worst is finally over, there's a flicker at the end of the tunnel and even though they may still lose most of their games, they are really starting to get some confidence and rack up a few goals and at least making it a challenge for the competition. One of their players for sure has really started moving the puck well and with authority, the rushing defenseman the

"Stafford Streak" Jace Stafford was on fire this past Saturday in Glendon and carried the puck end to end on a number of occasions; he buried it three times for a hat trick and added a helper to boot. That's almost half as many goals as the team has scored all this year. The big power forward "Danny Boy" Cardinal hammered two into the twine. Forward Erin Duffee plays an aggressive style too, she scored one and with her fore checking assist on two others. The team was down a couple regular play-

ers, so rookie Luke "Skywalker" Poulin was called up from the farm to fill a roster spot, but, he not only filled the lineup, he scored one and assisted on another. Meanwhile his big brother Ronan "Radar" Poulin was between the pipes doing a splendid job of keeping this game within reach.

Earlier in the day, in the same town "Skywalker" scored a hat trick when he played with his regular team the novice Avalanche; helping them on to victory, they

won 10 to 5 over Glendon. "Mic Jager" Fontaine adding two to the total and an assist, "Grace under Fire" Grace Peebles she lit it up with one, her line mate "Special Lady Jadey" Capjack ringing the bell with one and assisting on another one. Odin "the Wall" Smith barreling down the ice with one, and Dean "the Machine" Ockerman, throwing it into Mexican Overdrive plowed two into the cage. Behind the mask, goaltender Brady Hymanik has another victory to add to his hat, he hasn't lost any of his starts this year and has a perfect record 5 and 0 in net.

As the old saying goes early to bed and early to rise. But, late to bed and early to rise, is not very wise, especially if you have a hockey game in the morning. Pee wee hockey players have paid their dues, they're supposed to sleep until noon, then eat a big lunch, and then play a late afternoon game. I guess the Lloydminster Hockey Association didn't get that memo, they scheduled their pee wee game for 9 a.m. and the pee wees boys, obviously with Extravaganza the night before, were making very merry and didn't go to bed too early. They paid the price, losing this one 10 to 3. Team captain "Awesome Alex" Hunter scoring all three goals for the Avalanche. D-man Angus McFarlane helping out the captain on the score sheet with an assist.

On Sunday afternoon the boys couldn't use the getting up too early for an excuse. Playing at home at 3:35 p.m. against the same Lloydminster team, they knew they would either have to pick up their game or come up with a new excuse. But it was a whole different team that showed up this time to play than the day before. Maybe it was the home ice advantage, the extra sleep or perhaps the air horn, but these guys were pumped; taking a early one goal lead in the first period on a goal by Spencer Hardcastle assisted by Brody "the Big O" Odgaard and the hard nosed "Dust Pan" Dustyn Pankiw. And just for the record Spencer scored one the week before but never got credit for it in the paper.

Early in the second the Blazers would tie the game and take a two goal lead. Then with only 30 seconds left in the second the "Big O" "would score on the power play to make the game within one. In the dressing room after 40 minutes, coach Darcy Pankiw gave the boys one of his best motivation speeches, which obviously had some effect. Two minutes into the third the big rugged defenseman Nicholas Tucker with his patented slap shot found the wickets making it a three all tie. Of course one of the biggest reasons this game remained so close was the outstanding play by the goaltender "the Dominator" Darrian Rybchinsky, who literally

stood on his head facing 52 shots. He saved his best stop of the night for his last one; going post to post he stoned the Blazers who had lined up with the perfect one timer. Heading back down the ice Nicholas Tucker rang one off the post, the game would remain tied, the final 3 all.

The lights went out Saturday night right in the middle of the AA bantam game. The Lakeland Panthers is a team that Brodin "the Bull" Ference plays on and they were hosting Grande Prairie at our arena. Tied one-all was the score at the time, but the game was called when it was obvious there was a major problem in the whole area. Too bad for the "Bull" who wanted to put on a show for his friends, but it could have been worse if it had happened the night before during the Junior B game with 250 people inside. And just think of all the business people downtown with out power during Extravaganza. That would have been a major wreck.

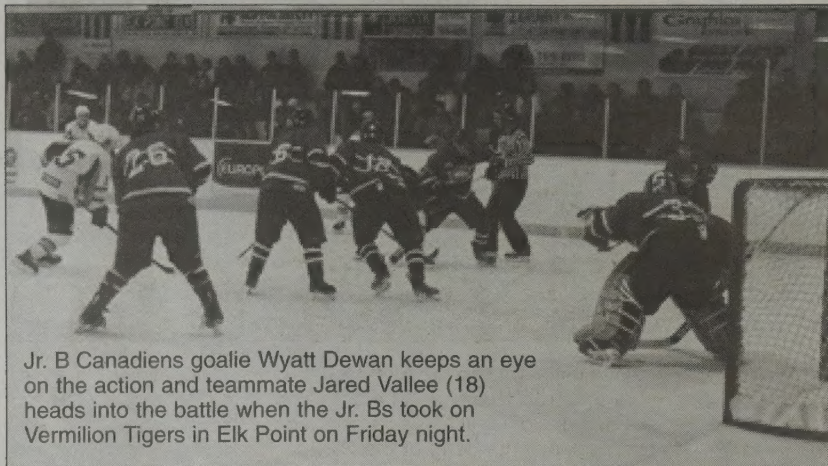
A few hours before the lights went out on Saturday afternoon, the Atom A team took to the ice when they hosted Meadow Lake, losing this one 8 to 2. A great game for the steady stay at home defenseman "Hammering Hank" Rogal who scored a goal and then had an assist on "Lightning Liam" Ludlage who scored the only other goal, Evan Ockerman also on the score sheet assisting.

On Sunday the Atom A team traveled to Consort, losing this one as well, 9 to 2 the final. Dylan "the Destroyer" Ference put the two torpedoes into the fortress, one assisted by the rookie Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion and one assisted by Conner "Coast to Coast" Lychak. They have lost most of their games this year by only a few goals; less than 10, so the league has decided that the Atom A team will remain in the bottom half of the tier one league for the remainder of the season. In the long run this team will become stronger and should have a better chance come provincial time.

It's been really great to have him around, but you just knew that this day would come, the "Marksman" Mark Letestu is leaving us today, going over to Sweden to play!

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "You find that you have peace of mind and can enjoy yourself, get more sleep, rest when you know that it was a one hundred percent effort that you gave-win or lose." Last week's answer to: "The only difference between a good shot and a bad shot is if it goes in or not."- Charles Barkley.

Have a sports scoop? Please email it to sportshound007@hotmail.com



Jr. B Canadiens goalie Wyatt Dewan keeps an eye on the action and teammate Jared Vallee (18) heads into the battle when the Jr. Bs took on Vermilion Tigers in Elk Point on Friday night.

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Seniors host annual Christmas dinner

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Pioneer Circle had a near-capacity crowd on hand for their annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 2, despite overnight snowfall which left roads less than ideal.

MLA Shayne Saskiw brought greetings from the legislature and praised the seniors, saying Elk Point "has a strong and active seniors' group working on issues important to seniors."

Mayor Parrish Tung thanked the seniors "on behalf of the region. You took the chance to settle here and raise your families and your grandchildren. Without your hard work and your willingness to take a chance, Elk Point would never be what it is like today. Thank you for passing on your knowledge, and for taking a chance by becoming part of this community."

County of St. Paul Coun. Dwight Dach also brought greetings and wished the seniors happiness and good health in the festive season.

Mistress of ceremonies Margaret Modin was sorry to report the RCMP were unable to be present, as she had hoped to extend the seniors' appreciation to the detachment for their support and their willingness to update the seniors on developments after a recent break-

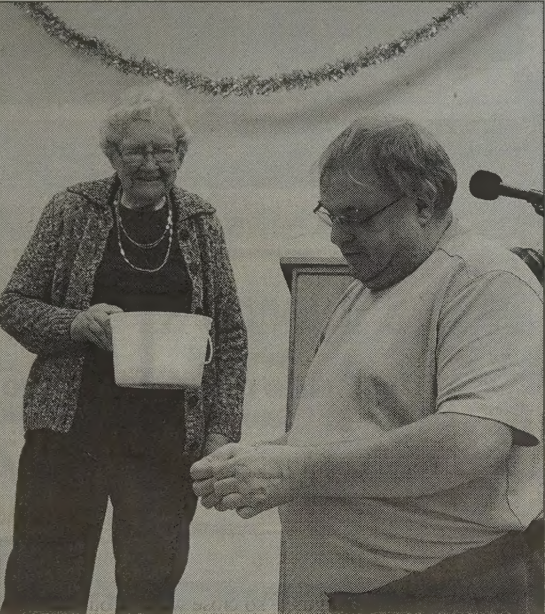
in. Modin also thanked the many volunteers who work so hard to keep the Seniors' Recreation Centre running smoothly, especially Craig Campbell and Del Smith, who went over the heating and air conditioning system and made sure it was in top shape, and Bill Cochrane, Del Smith and town public works superintendent Jay Duffee for their assistance when the centre's garbage pickup was inadvertently missed.

"This community works together," she noted, adding that she is especially appreciative of the town crew

who are very helpful with snow removal and sanding the seniors' parking lot when need, "and the volunteers who are here day by day, keeping the centre in operation."

Pastor Don Ford gave the blessing before the meal.

Pianist Gabe Bayduza and her sister, Sue Bartholomew, led the annual Christmas sing-along before the event ended with prize draws, with George Pinder, Jean McGinnis, Wilma Williams, Orest Fedorus, Jeff Classen, Dwight Dach and Donna Kondro the lucky winners.



Mistress of ceremonies Margaret Modin and Pioneer Circle president Ron Smith presided over the draws for door prizes at the Seniors' Christmas dinner.



Vicki Brooker photos

'The show must go on' must surely be the motto for pianist Gabe Bayduza. Playing with only her right hand, her left encased in a cast and held in a sling, didn't prevent her from playing the old familiar Christmas songs, while her sister, Sue Bartholomew, led the annual sing-along at the Pioneer Circle Seniors' Christmas dinner on Sunday.



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By DAPHNE SCHNURER

Librarian

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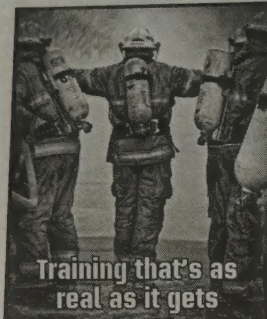
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Hunters display the pride of the season

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Hunters and their best bucks of the season filled the Seniors' Recreation Centre to capacity on Saturday afternoon for the Elk Point Oilmen's Association's annual Big Bucks competition, with close to 80 fine sets of antlers vying for four awards.

Participants had an opportunity to bid on eight silent auction items ranging from one of Ernie Poitras' outstanding moose horn carvings to rifles and tool kits while the final horn measurements were tallied.

Tag draws were made for both the whitetail and mule deer

categories, with a pair of .410 shotguns going to Jody Bannister and Ivan Fontaine.

A huge array of door prizes were handed out to contest entrants, with an untimely power outage barely slowing down the draws and delivery, which carried on by flashlight.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of 2012's winning antlers. Terri Breen exhibited the top Ladies' Whitetail, which measured in at 124 7/8, while Erin Lychak won the Youth honours with a rack measuring an impressive 162. Doug Eyben brought in the year's best Mule Deer, measuring 170 2/8, while Ken Bourne's winning Whitetail was a typical measuring 163.

Bumper crop of big bucks

The largest number of entries in the history of Elk Point's Big Bucks competition was on display Saturday at the Seniors' Recreation Centre as hunting enthusiasts shared their stories and collected a wealth of excellent prizes.



Vicki Brooker photo

Winners of the 2012 Big Bucks competition were, left to right, Erin Lychak, with a Whitetail measuring 162 in the Youth division, Ken Bourne with the top Whitetail, measuring 163, Doug Eyben with a Mule Deer measuring 170 2/8 and Terri Breen taking home the Ladies' Whitetail prize with horns measuring 124 7/8.



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